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OPA Daily Digest for 5/1/15

Upcoming EPA Region 7 Events by Division

* New additions noted with an asterisk

RA:

5/2/15 – Village Green Ribbon Cutting Event, Kansas City, Kan. Contact: Amy Algoe-Eakin, 7433

5/4-6/15 – 2017 EPA Spring Planning Meeting, Washington D.C. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

5/7/15 – Congressional Visits, Washington, D.C. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555

5/9/15 – River Cleanup Event, Parkville, Mo. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

5/11/15 – OECA Visit, Regional Office. Contact: DeAndre Singletary, 7373

5/13/15 – Midwest Environmental Compliance Conference, Overland Park, Kan. Contact: Dave Cozad, 7587

5/18/15 – Meet with Francesca Grifo, Scientific Integrity Official, Regional Office. Contact: Cecilia Tapia, 7733

6/23-24/15 – Four State Directors Meeting, Moravia, Iowa. Contact: Dick Sumpter, 7661

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RA/Immediate Office

None

Other Events

AWMD

5/7/15 – Environmental Education Day multimedia event, Ft. Leavenworth, Kan. Contact Jim Callier, x7646.

CNSL

None

ECO/EJ

5/2/2015 – Village Green II Event, Kansas City, Ks. ECO Contact: Tamara Freeman, 7094 (AWMD Lead – Amy Algoe-Eakin, 7942)

5/11/15 – OECA Regional Visit, Lenexa, KS. Contact: Lisa Haugen, 7877

5/16/15 – Harambee for Health, Kansas City, Missouri. Contact: Althea Moses, 7649

ENST

5/4-8/15 - MESB staff on-site soil sampling and ENST mobile laboratory sample analysis, York, Neb., groundwater site. Contact: Mike Davis, 5042.

PLMG

None

RA/OPA

5/2/2015 – Village Green Event, Kansas City, Kan. OPA Contact: David Bryan, 7433.

4/29-30/15 – Congressional Courtesy Visits (Sen. Joni Ernst, Sen. Charles Grassley, Reps. Rod Blum, David Young, Dave Loebsack), Des Moines, Cedar Rapids, Iowa City. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555

SUPR

5/5-7/15 – Vibrant Response DOD Exercise, Jefferson City, Mo. Contacts: Scott Hayes, 7670; Ken Buchholz, 7473

6/2-4/15 – National Removal Managers Meeting, Chicago, Ill. Contact: Scott Hayes, 7670

8/6-8/15 – LEPC/TERC Conference, Nebraska City, Neb. Contact: John Frey, 7994

8/24-27/15 – Marathon Pipeline Table-top Exercise with Region 5 and USCG, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Heath Smith, 636-326-4724

WWPD

5/4-8/15 – EPA Pesticide Regulatory Education Program Pollinator Protection and Pesticide Management Course, Portland, Ore. Contact: Matt Willson, 7983

5/4-7/15 – 4-State Underground Injection Control Program Manager Meeting, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Mary Mindrup, 7431

5/4/15 – EPA Region 6 Area Wide Optimization Program Meeting, Dallas, Texas. Contact: Neftali Hernandez-Santiago, 7036

5/5-7/15 – 2014 State Revolving Fund Annual Review with Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Jefferson City, Mo. Contacts: Sabre Germano, 7026, Nancy Healy, 7713

5/4-8/15 – EPA Pesticide Regulatory Education Program Pollinator Protection and Pesticide Management Course, Portland, Ore. Contact: Matt Willson, 7983

5/11-14/15 – Data Managers User Conference for the Safe Drinking Water Information System, Denver, Colo. Contacts: Kim Burr, 7069, Jay Hua, 7748

5/11-13/15 – Public Hearing on Uranium Ground Water Monitoring Proposed Regulation Under 40 CFR Part 192, Chadron, Neb. Contact: David Garrett, 7159

5/12/15 – EPA Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention National Meeting, Chicago, Ill. Contact: Karen Flourney, 7782

5/12-5/15/15 – National Association of Clean Water Agencies Pretreatment and Pollution Prevention Workshop and Training, Greenville, S.C. Contact: Paul Marshall, 7419

5/13-14/15 – Midwest Environmental Compliance Conference, Overland Park, Kan. Contact: Karen Flourney, 7782

5/19-21/15 – EPA FIFRA/TSCA Enforcement Managers Meeting, Philadelphia, Pa. Contacts: Jamie Green, 7139, Royan Teter, 7609

6/2-4/15 – National EPA Underground Injection Control Program Managers Meeting, Denver, Colo. Contact: Mary Mindrup, 7431

Congressional Inquiries:

Rep. Sam Graves (Mo.) – Letter – 4/27/15: Constituent concern about EPA fine for remanufacturing of an insecticide. Due: 5/12/15. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

Rep. Jeff Fortenberry (Neb.) – Email – 4/21/15: Question about the Clean Water Rule and use of streams on private land. Due: 4/22/15. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

Sen. Charles Grassley (Iowa) – Letter – 4/16/15: Concerns about the city of Calmar's wastewater treatment facility and discharges. Due: 4/30/15. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

Sen. Charles Grassley (Iowa) – Letter – 4/7/15: Constituent complaints about air pollution from Climax Molybdenum in Fort Madison. Due: 4/21/15. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (closed)

State Government Inquiries:

None

Press Inquiries:

Houston Public Radio (Texas) – Dave Fehling – 5/1/15 – Request for audio of Green Village bench ribbon cutting ceremony. Contact: David Bryan, 7433 (open)

KCUR News Radio, Kansas City – Cody Newill – 5/1/15: Questions about Village Green bench ceremony and Air Fair in Kansas City, Kan. Contact: David Bryan, 7433 (open)

Press Releases:

Link to all R7 press releases: <http://go.usa.gov/Qx5>

None

Fact Sheets:

Link to all R7 fact sheets: <http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets>

None

Environmental Stories:

St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Feds have issues with DNR plan to clean up Jefferson County air – 5/1/15 - A proposed state plan to clean up air quality in Jefferson County doesn't appear to follow federal guidelines and may contain a "significant" technical error, an Environmental Protection Agency official told Missouri's air commission Thursday. http://www.stltoday.com/business/local/feds-have-issues-with-dnr-plan-to-clean-up-jefferson/article_070c6f75-4e61-5f36-95e9-ad80ca1c1d21.html

Al Jazeera - St. Louis Burning: A ticking time bomb beneath the city? - 5/1/15 - Dawn Chapman lives near the West Lake Landfill, a site located in the heart of metropolitan St. Louis that increasingly appears to have a much more ominous past than many thought. Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services data from 2014 has also shown increased rates of rare cancers near the site. <http://america.aljazeera.com/multimedia/2015/5/st-louis-burning-the-ticking-time-bomb.html>

Joplin Globe - Kansas: No landfill application yet from Galena - 4/30/15 - State regulators have yet to receive a landfill application from Galena although it's now more than three weeks since Galena Mayor Dale Oglesby unexpectedly showed up at the Cherokee County Commissioners meeting with that document for the county. http://www.joplinglobe.com/news/kansas-no-landfill-application-yet-from-galena/article_45fd69de-ef49-11e4-b90e-1bb8b283bc91.html

Rapid City Journal (S.D.) - NRC delivers mixed decision on uranium-mining plan - 5/1/15 - Developers and opponents of a planned uranium mining operation in Custer and Fall River counties rarely agree, and on Thursday both saw a federal decision by a Nuclear Regulatory Commission board as a victory for their side. http://rapidcityjournal.com/news/local/nrc-board-delivers-mixed-decision-on-uranium-mining-plan/article_5c648947-7095-5319-b46b-b4674a778b51.html

WIBW Ch. 13 Topeka, Kan. - DHE: Topeka And Lawrence Water "Safe" After Sewage Spill - 4/30/15 - Less than a week after a reported three million gallons of sewage spilled into the Kansas River, new tests indicate the water in both Topeka and Lawrence is safe, according to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. <http://www.wibw.com/home/headlines/KDHE-Topeka-And-Lawrence-Water-Safe-After-Sewage-Spill-301988401.html>

Grand Island Independent - Sen. Fischer joins colleagues to introduce bipartisan WOTUS bill - 4/30/15 - U.S. Sen. Deb Fischer, R-Neb., joined a bipartisan group of her colleagues on Thursday to introduce a new bill that would prevent a joint rule from the Army Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency, known as the Waters of the United States (WOTUS), from taking effect. http://www.theindependent.com/news/local/fischer-joins-colleagues-to-introduce-bipartisan-wotus-bill/article_c0ffd658-ef76-11e4-851b-4b8694cc9a1c.html

Des Moines Register - MidAmerican investing \$900 million more in wind energy - 5/1/15 - Des Moines-based MidAmerican Energy said Friday it's investing \$900 million more into wind energy, bringing the company's total wind investment to \$6.7 billion. <http://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/money/agriculture/2015/05/01/midamerican-energy-wind-investment-berkshire-hathaway/26696643/>

Associated Press - House oversight chairman blasts sexual harassment, other alleged misconduct at EPA -

4/30/15 - The chairman of the House Oversight Committee blasted the Environmental Protection Agency Thursday for what he called "glaring management failures." <http://www.usnews.com/news/politics/articles/2015/04/30/house-panel-targets-glaring-management-failures-at-epa>

Journal-Eureka (Anamosa, Iowa) - Anamosa meeting DNR standards on wastewater plant pollutants -

4/30/15 - Last year, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources warned Anamosa city officials that there may be too many pollutants – specifically chloride, copper, chromium, cyanide and mercury – flowing through its wastewater plant. It gave the city five years to achieve compliance. Earlier this month, it came back with another message: Never mind. http://www.journal-eureka.com/news/article_b46f8a08-ee9c-11e4-b231-87a34a5073ce.html

The Hill (blog) - ALA CEO: Everyone has the right to breathe healthy air - 5/1/15 - More than 4 in 10 people in the United States live in counties that have air with unhealthy levels of either ozone or particle pollution. That threat to the health of millions of Americans is why, for the past 16 years, the American Lung Association has released our “State of the Air” report. <http://thehill.com/blogs/congress-blog/energy-environment/240711-everyone-has-the-right-to-breathe-healthy-air>

Washington Times - Blacks, Hispanics reject Obama climate change agenda over concerns about poor -

4/30/15 - Minority leaders worry EPA carbon regulations will drive up utility bills and stifle economic opportunity for blacks and Hispanics. <http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2015/apr/30/obama-climate-change-agenda-rejected-by-blacks-his/>